

House Resolution 2073

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th, Howard of the 121st, Stephens of the 161st, and Jordan of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Alpha Chi Lambda and the Eta Alpha Chapters of Alpha
2 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter
4 fraternity for African Americans and was founded in Ithaca, New York, by Henry Arthur
5 Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel
6 Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, known as the "Jewels,"
7 who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this
8 country; and

9 WHEREAS, with a membership of over 80,000 college educated men, Alpha Phi Alpha
10 Fraternity has members in over 700 college and alumni chapters throughout the United
11 States, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean who understand that their greatest usefulness lies
12 outside of themselves by leading the fight for human rights and dignity and by working to
13 aid and uplift the downtrodden; and

14 WHEREAS, for 103 years, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has been a beacon of light to the
15 community by staying true to its aims of Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all
16 Mankind through such programs as Go to High School, Go to College; A Voteless People
17 is a Hopeless People; Project Alpha; and Alpha Head Start Male Initiative Program; and

18 WHEREAS, the Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter was founded on April 25, 1935, and the Eta
19 Alpha Chapter was founded on April 4, 1970, with both chapters making a difference in the
20 Central Savannah River Area through their various community service endeavors such as
21 awarding scholarships and sponsoring the Reverend Dr. King Unity Breakfast; and

22 WHEREAS, Alpha Chi Lambda can count among its membership such notable Augustans
23 as John M. Tutt, A. C. Griggs, former Mayor Edward McIntyre, former Commissioners Lee
24 Beard and Henry Brigham, Phil Waring, Dr. Mac A. Bowman, Richmond County

25 Superintendent Dr. Dana Bedden, and Director of Athletics George Bailey, countless elected
26 officials, educators, pastors, judges, directors, entrepreneurs, and many others; and

27 WHEREAS, the Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter is home to past Southern Region and 6th
28 Georgia District Director Chester A. Wheeler III, 10th Georgia District Director Ellis
29 Albright, former National Life membership chairman Bert Thomas, and Area 8 Director
30 Augustus C. Thurmond; and

31 WHEREAS, current and former fraternity officials of the Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter and
32 the Eta Alpha Chapter located at Paine/Augusta State will celebrate their 15th and 40th
33 anniversaries on May 1, 2010; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of these fine
35 organizations and their numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
36 recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Chapters of
39 Alpha Chi Lambda and Eta Alpha for their outstanding contributions to this nation and the
40 State of Georgia.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Alpha Chi Lambda and
43 Eta Alpha Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.